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NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION STUDENTS, ADVISORS RECOGNIZED

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman and Education Commissioner Matt Blomstedt were among those who recently recognized Career Education students, advisors and teams that had received national awards earlier this year.

Nebraska Career Education students who received first, second, third place or finalist awards during national leadership and skills competition held by their respective Career Student Organizations were recognized during a Nov. 17 ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol.

Students and advisors who are members of DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FEA, FFA, HOSA, PBL and SkillsUSA were recognized. Those student organizations are part of the Center for Student Leadership at the Nebraska Department of Education.

The following Nebraska students, advisors and teams received national awards:

DECA Award Winners:

- Jack Glover, Megan Klostermeyer, Kylie Taylor, Kyle Doshier, Courtney Bybee and Cody Lewis of Bellevue West High School
- Olivia Bond, Van Nelson, Taylor Fetter, Abby Schlick and Paige Skidmore of Millard South High School
- Mary Knickerehm of Omaha Central High School
- Logan Woodward of Scottsbluff High School
- Sarah Baker and Spencer Call of Millard West High School
- Jordyn Walker of Papillion-La Vista South High School

DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

FBLA Award Winners:

- Dylan Steinkrueger of Minden High School
- Ojus Jain, Elliot Sandfort and Alicia Zeng of Lincoln East High School
- Abi Sheen of Kearney High School
- Michaela Mapes of Westside High School
- Cody McCain of Tri County High School

- Paul Weber of Cedar Bluffs High School
- Julie Slama of Auburn High School
- Anna Bauerle of Chase County High School
- Brenna Backemeyer, Natalie Elwood and Wyatt Stroy of Elmwood-Murdock High School

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) provides innovative leadership and career development programs for students interested in business administration, management, finance and information technology careers.

FCCLA Award Winners:

- Nicasia Grosserode and Kassidy Grosserode of Neligh-Oakdale High School
- Nicolette Larsen of Waverly High School
- Andie Chapman, Rachel Towne, Sage Schmidt and Regan Garey of Medicine Valley High School
- Hannah Smith, Katie Nelson, Tiffany Patrick, Khristina Stevens, Dominique Cook and Sarah Smith of Creighton High School
- Allison Bauer, Lauren Moes and Taylor Moes of Elm Creek High School
- Tara Buettner of St. Edward High School
- Bethany Lambert of Chambers High School
- Katrina German, Tazah Weinmaster and Kaylea Kolbo of Cozad High School
- Allison Becker, Allison Ludwig and Emily Morrow of O'Neill High School

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and addresses important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences.

FEA Award Winners:

- Mollie Deaver and Kylene Hatch-McAfee of Omaha Burke High School

FEA (Future Educators Association) is an international student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers.

FFA Award Winners:

- Victor Osantowski and Dave Rocker(advisor) of Franklin High School
- Robyn Graham (advisor) of Humphrey High School
- Nicholas Cole of McCook High School
- Gage Bellamy and Meats Evaluation Team of Eustis-Farnam High School
- Patrick Arkfeld of Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca High School
- Travis Poppe and the Natural Resources Team of Crofton High School
- Marketing Team and Parliamentary Procedure Team of Imperial High School

FFA is an organization of agricultural education students preparing for careers in agriculture, food and natural resources.

HOSA Award Winners:

- Jacob Shiers, Aryana Kamelian and Annie Nguyen of Lincoln Southwest High School
- Shane Asher of Creighton High School

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) is an instructional program that prepares students for health care careers.

Phi Beta Lambda Award Winners:

- Kevin Thor, Tyler Wellman and Ashley Quiring of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Erin Mitchell and Business Report Team of North Platte Community College
- Rebekha Dostal, Amy Poole, Allie Buesing, Lydia Lusk, Preston Sunneberg, Sergey Ratakhin, Jacob Long, Alex Wessels, Zach Zobel and Jamie Theye of Peru State College
- Ashley Noltensmeier and Veronica Waddell of McCook Community College
- Jenna Woitaszewski, Julia Downey, Stacy Manson, Lisa Poppe and Lance English of Doane College
- Beth Ebmeier and Jenna McCleary of Northeast Community College

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of the FBLA-PBL association, which prepares members for careers in business or business-related occupations.

SkillsUSA Award Winners:

- Jonathan Herman, Alex Schincke, Joel Ramirez, Ben Stigge, Charles Fritz III and Gerald McNerney of Metropolitan Community College-Omaha
- Ian Bridge, Nadezdha Hughes, Taylor Kramer, Katei Hunt, Tanner Malmkar, Sydney McGahan, and Sarah Meyer of North Platte High School
- Megan Runyan and Cale Miller of Seward High School
- Erica Goracke, Tara Hesterman and Thomas Tucker of Sterling High School
- Sam Lindblad of Adams Central High School
- Jerrod Whitaker II of Gretna High School
- Katryna Booth-Malnack of Millard Horizon High School

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and tech prep.